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SUBJECT: INTEREST OF MRS. NIMEIRI IN U.S. - SUDANESE WOMEN'S
CULTURAL EXCHANGES

1. YESTERDAY, AUGUST 1, MY WIFE PAID PROTOCOL COURTESY
CALL ON PRESIDENT'S WIFE AT THEIR RESIDENCE IN KHARTOUM
MILITARY COMPOUND. TO MY WIFE'S SURPRISE, SHE ARRIVED
TO BE GREETED OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCE BY PRESS AND T.V.
CAMERAMEN ENTERED ROOM WITH HER AND TOOK A NUMBER OF
PICTURES BEFORE THEY WERE DISMISSED. (PAO, WHO IS IN
HIS THIRD YEAR HERE, SAYS THAT TO BEST HIS RECOLLECTION
ONLY TIME THIS EVER HAPPENED BEFORE WAS WHEN MRS. SADAT
OF EGYPT CALLED ON MRS. NIMEIRI.)

2. CONVERSATION CONSISTED OF USUAL EXCHANGE OF
PLEASANTRIES UNTIL A LADY FROM SUDAN NEWS AGENCY
(WHO HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN PREVIOUSLY INVITED) JOINED THE
GROUP. SPEAKING ON MRS. NIMEIRI'S BEHALF, SUNA
REPRESENTATIVE NOTED THAT WHEN NIMEIRI HAD VISITED
THE U.S. HE HAD MENTIONED TO PRESIDENT FORD HIS
INTEREST IN CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN WOMEN OF
THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. WHAT SUDANESE APPARENTLY HAVE IN MIND IS EXCHANGE
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VISITS OF WOMEN'S GROUPS IN VARIOUS PROFESSIONS:
MEDICINE, NURSING, TEACHING, ENGINEERING AND
POLITICS WERE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED. MRS. NIMEIRI
SAID THAT SUDANESE WOMEN WERE NOW LIBERATED IN ALMOST
ALL WAYS AND HAD LITTLE TROUBLE ENTERING THESE
PROFESSIONS.

4. MY WIFE TOLD THE LADIES THAT SHE WOULD REPORT THIS
CONVERSATION TO ME AND THAT I WOULD DOUBTLESS TAKE IT UP
WITH WASHINGTON.

5. I THINK THIS PROPOSAL HAS CONSIDERABLE MERIT. IN
CONSULTATION WITH PAO WE WILL TRY TO FORWARD SOME
SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
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